

# Abortion Surveillance in Oklahoma

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## Introduction

In 2000, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) began its surveillance activities of Oklahoma's legally induced terminations of pregnancy (ITOP), also known as legally induced abortions. The OSDH uses these data to monitor the annual number of legal induced abortions and to describe those women receiving legal abortion services in Oklahoma. In doing so, the OSDH produces a partial accounting of pregnancies that terminate in outcomes other than a live born infant. This report follows the requirements outlined in the *Statistical Abortion Reporting Act*<sup>1</sup>. This act outlines requirements for an Annual Abortion Report, Complications of Induced Abortion Report, and an Annual Judicial Bypass of Abortion Parental Consent Summary Report<sup>2</sup>. The Annual Abortion Report includes data from the Individual Abortion Form, which physicians performing abortions are required to complete and submit electronically beginning in April, 2012<sup>3</sup>. The present report includes data collected by the Center for Health Statistics (CHS), at the OSDH for calendar years 2002-2023.

## Methods

For the report years, CHS assembled data submitted to the OSDH by the facilities licensed to perform legal abortions in the state of Oklahoma. These facilities provided data on the number of abortions and the characteristics of women who obtained them.

The individual abortion form, which was implemented in April 2012, includes multiple variables about women seeking abortion and each abortion procedure including: cost,

method of payment, reason for abortion, ultrasound usage, and informed consent, among others. An updated abortion form was implemented in November, 2013, with 16 additional requirements. These requirements are presented beginning on page 14, following the summary statistics.

Court rulings and Oklahoma statute changes took place in 2022 and no new reports of abortion or complications have been received.

Tables 1-7 and Figures 1-4 have been included in this report as they were presented in the 2002-2022 report. As there is no new data to report, the results and discussion sections have been omitted.

This document reports on overall and characteristic-specific percentages, which are based only on known values. Single-year and multi-year abortion statistics are included in the report. Abortion ratios, defined as the number of abortions per 1,000 live births, and abortion rates, defined as the number of abortions per 1,000 women in a specified age group, are provided for many demographic characteristics. Population data used to compute abortion rates were obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau. Rates and ratios for specific female characteristics were reported in aggregate form and were limited recent years (2020-2022) for Tables 5-7 and Figures 1 and 3.

The following age groupings were used for this report: <20, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, and ≥35 years old. The number, ratio, and rate of abortions are presented for each age group. Abortion rates for women aged 19 or younger were based on population totals for women aged 15 to 19 years. Please note that reports prior to 2016 used population totals for women aged 10 to 19

<sup>1</sup> HB 3075, c 163, 1, eff. November 1, 2010.

<sup>2</sup> HB 3284, c. 276, § 5, eff. November 1, 2010.

<sup>3</sup> HB 3284, c. 276, § 4, eff. November 1, 2010.

years to calculate abortion rates for women aged 19 or younger; this change was made to align with the population used for the total abortion rate (15-44 years old). Rates for women aged 35 or older were based on the population of women aged 35 to 44 years. Rates for all women who obtained abortions were based on the population of women 15-44 years of age. Age was missing for less than 1 percent of all reported abortions.

Race was classified into five categories: White, Black, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, and Other. Race was reported for over 95% of records. Ethnicity was not included in this analysis for two reasons. First, there was a large proportion of missing or unknown values (31%) in the records submitted through 2011. Second, beginning in April, 2012, data for women's ethnicity was no longer collected on the Individual Abortion Form. Therefore, the abortion numbers, ratios, and rates are presented in this report by race only.

Marital status was classified as either married (women who were married or separated) or unmarried (women who were never married, divorced, or widowed). Abortion numbers, ratios, and rates are presented by marital status. Abortion rates by marital status reflect the number of abortions per 1,000 females aged 15-44 in a specified marital group. Previously reported rates by marital status were based on the number of abortions per 1,000 females aged 15-50 years (prior to 2016 report).

Education levels of women who obtained abortions were classified as less than high school education (8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, with no diploma), high school graduate or GED<sup>4</sup> completed, some college (college credit attained with no bachelor's degree), or college

graduate (bachelor's degree and beyond). The number, and rate of abortions are shown by level of education. Abortion rates by educational attainment represent the number of abortions per 1,000 female population aged 18-44 years. Again, a non-standard population grouping is used here for review of general trends.

Percent distributions of abortions by previous live births and previous abortion history are presented. Previous live births were grouped into five classes: 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4 or more. Previous abortions were classified as 0, 1, 2, and 3 or more.

Measured in weeks, gestational age at the time of abortion was categorized as ≤8 weeks, 9-10 weeks, 11-12 weeks, 13-15 weeks, and ≥16 weeks. The number and percent of abortions by length of gestation are included in the report. For select characteristics (i.e., race, age, education, marital status, type of procedure, and previous live births and abortion history), gestational age is used as a summary variable.

From January 2002-March 2012, the method of abortion was classified as curettage (suction and sharp), non-surgical medical abortion (RU 486, mifepristone and misoprostol), dilation and evacuation, and "other" procedures. The number and percent of legal abortions for each abortion method are provided. In April 2012, when the new individual abortion form was implemented, the method of abortion categories changed and was classified in the following categories: dilation and curettage, dilation and evacuation, RU 486, suction aspiration, and "other" procedures. In order to combine this data for the purpose of the summary statistics, these categories were combined based on their definitions. The new categories are presented in Tables 5-7 and 12, and Figure 4. The

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<sup>4</sup> General educational development.

previous data classified as “sharp curettage” is included in the “dilation and curettage” category, and previous data classified as “suction curettage” is included in the “suction aspiration” category.

To address concerns regarding confidentiality of women obtaining abortions and the stability of percentages, ratios, and rates, any computed statistic was suppressed when the numerator used in the calculation was less than 5. Summary statistics described in this report and Tables 1-7 reflect legal induced abortions to Oklahoma female residents. Information presented beginning on page 14 are limited to abortions which were performed in Oklahoma in 2023 (**none were reported**), per the requirements of the 2010 *Statistical Abortion Reporting Act*.

## Limitations

These abortion data were subject to several limitations. First, abortion data reported here reflect only those reported to the OSDH. As a result, these abortion statistics may underestimate the true, but unknown, number of abortions in Oklahoma. Second, data submitted by these facilities may be incomplete. Third, abortions occurring to Oklahoma residents outside the state were not submitted to OSDH for inclusion in the report.

Table 1. Number of Legal Induced Abortions by Characteristics of Women, Oklahoma Residents, 2002-2022

Characteristic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
<b>Total</b>	6,215	6,341	6,230	6,364	6,807	6,363	6,144	6,044	5,641	4,840	4,644	4,587	4,487	4,330	3,942	4,394	4,589	4,991	4,177	4,145	898	106,173
<b>Age (yrs.)</b>																						
<20	1,159	1,235	1,111	1,095	1,104	1,094	1,020	1,068	866	706	704	596	606	486	393	467	455	516	425	432	103	15,641
20-24	2,151	2,210	2,180	2,218	2,447	2,245	2,089	1,998	1,848	1,674	1,542	1,484	1,427	1,443	1,238	1,352	1,377	1,522	1,314	1,429	309	35,497
25-29	1,323	1,393	1,378	1,462	1,547	1,474	1,426	1,356	1,404	1,211	1,156	1,207	1,152	1,113	1,114	1,267	1,358	1,393	1,179	1,116	226	26,255
30-34	859	890	904	895	894	837	846	874	839	667	695	742	770	768	701	773	826	899	771	650	165	16,265
≥35	670	613	651	658	754	689	714	660	641	560	538	545	523	519	491	535	567	660	484	516	94	12,082
<b>Race</b>																						
White	4,159	4,493	4,448	4,551	4,864	4,464	4,323	4,338	3,871	3,433	3,109	2,847	2,672	2,608	2,279	2,515	2,526	2,571	2,081	2,086	456	68,694
Black	1,143	1,138	1,147	1,256	1,304	1,318	1,168	1,063	1,054	909	839	846	813	882	808	923	992	1,083	890	901	229	20,706
American Indian	349	377	371	352	414	367	407	376	389	281	262	250	247	208	187	234	252	280	247	385	63	6,298
Asian	198	246	209	181	214	186	167	213	216	136	144	164	171	177	149	133	158	163	155	142	33	3,555
Other	366	87	55	24	11	28	79	54	111	81	290	478	579	453	516	586	653	876	781	615	117	6,840
<b>Marital status</b>																						
Married	1,316	1,329	1,318	1,308	1,414	1,247	1,238	1,217	1,095	915	856	865	790	811	741	925	852	923	743	753	140	20,796
Unmarried	4,899	5,012	4,912	5,056	5,393	5,116	4,906	4,827	4,546	3,925	3,788	3,720	3,696	3,518	3,200	3,465	3,732	4,059	3,430	3,383	758	85,341
<b>Education</b>																						
<HS	1,151	1,105	1,038	1,038	1,073	1,064	932	1,011	900	683	638	609	603	446	392	487	433	594	458	410	63	15,128
HS or GED	2,551	2,611	2,571	2,520	2,765	2,448	2,534	2,407	2,083	1,920	1,795	1,753	1,691	1,695	1,564	1,678	2,107	2,047	1,687	1,919	430	42,776
Some college	1,790	1,821	1,808	1,932	1,995	1,931	1,755	1,774	1,858	1,547	1,486	1,512	1,505	1,477	1,337	1,574	1,460	1,857	1,593	1,358	288	33,658
College graduate	723	804	812	873	974	920	923	852	800	689	725	695	675	709	645	643	573	484	418	439	116	14,492
<b>Previous live births</b>																						
0	2,382	2,440	2,331	2,425	2,573	2,481	2,321	2,357	2,181	1,912	1,934	1,809	1,817	1,748	1,555	1,681	1,833	1,892	1,525	1,181	97	40,475
1	1,730	1,782	1,757	1,754	1,884	1,735	1,639	1,574	1,490	1,295	1,187	1,182	1,126	1,094	970	1,052	1,088	1,206	1,025	955	206	27,731
2	1,327	1,320	1,395	1,387	1,504	1,351	1,323	1,289	1,141	990	920	925	946	874	823	975	925	1,061	859	862	181	22,378
3	526	560	532	551	595	553	586	558	532	413	390	434	397	394	387	457	466	495	466	441	80	9,813
≥4	250	239	215	247	251	241	275	266	297	229	213	237	199	216	199	228	269	334	300	313	70	5,088
<b>Previous ITOPs</b>																						
0	3,846	4,211	3,964	4,129	4,322	3,992	3,879	3,869	3,502	2,918	3,103	3,038	3,015	2,889	2,614	3,062	3,254	3,532	2,849	2,552	410	68,950
1	1,578	1,476	1,532	1,530	1,717	1,585	1,471	1,409	1,404	1,272	989	1,036	962	959	913	887	939	982	867	839	162	24,509
2	505	435	475	470	488	513	499	481	466	433	343	335	315	306	284	285	273	307	312	232	43	7,800
≥3	286	219	259	235	280	271	295	285	269	217	209	178	190	170	123	157	115	167	145	114	19	4,203

**Table 2. Number, Ratio<sup>1</sup>, and Rate<sup>2</sup> of Legal Induced Abortions, Oklahoma Residents, 2002-2022**

Year	Number	Live births <sup>3</sup>	Ratio <sup>1</sup>	Population <sup>4</sup>	Rate <sup>2</sup>
2002	6,215	50,310	123.5	728,492	8.5
2003	6,341	50,874	124.6	726,158	8.7
2004	6,230	51,157	121.8	723,187	8.6
2005	6,364	51,775	122.9	722,500	8.8
2006	6,807	54,010	126.0	725,330	9.4
2007	6,363	54,956	115.8	727,495	8.7
2008	6,144	54,753	112.2	728,647	8.4
2009	6,044	54,541	110.8	732,789	8.2
2010	5,641	53,205	106.0	738,408	7.6
2011	4,840	52,252	92.6	743,114	6.5
2012	4,644	52,740	88.1	748,935	6.2
2013	4,587	53,351	86.0	756,541	6.1
2014	4,487	53,286	84.2	761,452	5.9
2015	4,330	53,132	81.5	766,566	5.6
2016	3,942	52,607	74.9	768,491	5.1
2017	4,394	50,214	87.5	768,751	5.7
2018	4,589	49,801	92.1	770,736	6.0
2019	4,991	49,143	101.6	774,815	6.4
2020	4,177	50,214	83.2	781,040	5.3
2021	4,145	49,801	83.2	786,897	5.3
2022*	898	49,801	18.0	786,897	1.1
<b>Total</b>					
Total	106,173	1,091,923	97.2	15,767,241	6.7
Percent change, 2002-2022	-85.6	-1.0	-85.4	8.0	-86.6

<sup>1</sup> Number of abortions per 1,000 live births

<sup>2</sup> Number of abortions per 1,000 female population aged 15-44 years

<sup>3</sup> Final Birth Statistics, OK2SHARE, OSDH

<sup>4</sup> OK2SHARE, Vital Statistics, 2002-2019, number of females aged 15-44 years; CDC Bridged-Race Population Estimates 2020, number of females aged 15-44 years; Census Estimates 2021-2022, number of females aged 15-44 years.

\*Preliminary 2021 & 2022 data for Oklahoma resident birth counts as of 5/09/2023. Population data for 2022 uses 2021 estimates. These will be updated in the next annual report. Population data may adjust in future reports as estimates are finalized.

Table 3. Percent<sup>a</sup> of Legal Induced Abortions by Characteristics of Women, Oklahoma Residents, 2002-2022

Characteristic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
<b>Age (yrs)</b>																						
<20	18.8	19.5	17.9	17.3	16.4	17.3	16.7	17.9	15.5	14.7	15.2	13.0	13.5	11.2	10.0	10.6	9.9	10.3	10.2	10.4	11.5	14.2
20-24	34.9	34.9	35.0	35.1	36.3	35.4	34.3	33.6	33.0	34.7	33.3	32.4	31.9	33.3	31.5	30.8	30.1	30.5	31.5	34.5	34.5	33.4
25-29	21.5	22.0	22.1	23.1	22.9	23.3	23.4	22.8	25.1	25.1	24.9	26.4	25.7	25.7	28.3	28.8	29.6	27.9	28.3	26.9	25.2	25.2
30-34	13.9	14.0	14.5	14.1	13.3	13.2	13.9	14.7	15.0	13.8	15.0	16.2	17.2	17.7	17.8	17.6	18.0	18.0	18.5	15.5	18.4	15.7
≥35	10.9	9.7	10.5	10.4	11.2	10.9	11.7	11.1	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.9	11.7	12.0	12.5	12.2	12.4	13.2	11.6	12.5	10.5	11.5
<b>Race</b>																						
White	66.9	70.9	71.4	71.5	71.5	70.2	70.4	71.8	68.6	70.9	67.0	62.1	59.6	60.3	57.9	57.3	55.1	51.7	50.1	50.5	50.8	63.2
Black	18.4	18.0	18.4	19.7	19.2	20.7	19.0	17.6	18.7	18.8	18.1	18.5	18.1	20.4	20.5	21.0	21.7	21.8	21.4	21.8	25.5	19.9
American Indian	5.6	6.0	6.0	5.5	6.1	5.8	6.6	6.2	6.9	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.5	5.6	5.9	9.3	7.0	6.0
Asian	3.2	3.9	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.5	3.8	2.8	3.1	3.6	3.8	4.1	3.8	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.7	3.4	3.7	3.4
Other	5.9	1.4	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.4	1.3	0.9	2.0	1.7	6.2	10.4	12.9	10.5	13.1	13.4	14.3	17.6	18.8	14.9	13.0	7.6
<b>Marital status</b>																						
Married	21.2	21.0	21.2	20.6	20.8	19.6	20.2	20.1	19.4	18.9	18.4	18.9	17.6	18.7	18.8	21.1	18.6	18.5	17.8	18.2	15.6	19.3
Unmarried	78.8	79.0	78.8	79.5	79.2	80.4	79.9	79.9	80.6	81.1	81.6	81.1	82.4	81.3	81.2	78.9	81.4	81.5	82.2	81.8	84.4	80.7
<b>Education</b>																						
<HS	18.5	17.4	16.7	16.3	15.8	16.7	15.2	16.7	16.0	14.1	13.7	13.3	13.5	10.3	10.0	11.1	9.5	11.9	11.0	9.9	7.0	13.6
HS or GED	41.1	41.2	41.3	39.6	40.6	38.5	41.2	39.8	36.9	39.7	38.7	38.4	37.8	39.2	39.7	38.3	46.1	41.1	40.6	46.5	47.9	40.7
Some college	28.8	28.7	29.0	30.4	29.3	30.4	28.6	29.4	32.9	32.0	32.0	33.1	33.6	34.1	34.0	35.9	31.9	37.3	38.3	32.9	32.1	32.1
College graduate	11.6	12.7	13.0	13.7	14.3	14.5	15.0	14.1	14.2	14.2	15.6	15.2	15.1	16.4	16.4	14.7	12.5	9.7	10.1	10.6	12.9	13.6
<b>Previous live births</b>																						
0	38.3	38.5	37.4	38.1	37.8	39.0	37.8	39.0	38.7	39.5	41.7	39.4	40.5	40.4	39.5	38.3	40.0	37.9	36.5	31.5	15.3	37.4
1	27.8	28.1	28.2	27.6	27.7	27.3	26.7	26.0	26.4	26.8	25.6	25.8	25.1	25.3	24.7	24.0	23.8	24.2	24.6	25.5	32.5	26.4
2	21.4	20.8	22.4	21.8	22.1	21.2	21.5	21.3	20.2	20.5	19.8	20.2	21.1	20.2	20.9	22.2	20.2	21.3	20.6	23.0	28.5	21.5
3	8.5	8.8	8.5	8.7	8.7	8.7	9.5	9.2	9.4	8.5	8.4	9.5	8.9	9.1	9.8	10.4	10.2	9.9	11.2	11.8	12.6	9.5
≥4	4.0	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.7	3.8	4.5	4.4	5.3	4.7	4.6	5.2	4.4	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.9	6.7	7.2	8.3	11.0	5.2
<b>Previous ITOPs</b>																						
0	61.9	66.4	63.6	64.9	63.5	62.8	63.1	64.0	62.1	60.3	66.8	66.2	67.3	66.8	66.5	69.7	71.0	70.8	68.3	68.3	64.7	65.7
1	25.4	23.3	24.6	24.0	25.2	24.9	23.9	23.3	24.9	26.3	21.3	22.6	21.5	22.2	23.2	20.2	20.5	19.7	20.8	22.5	25.6	23.1
2	8.1	6.9	7.6	7.4	7.2	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.3	9.0	7.4	7.3	7.0	7.1	7.2	6.5	6.0	6.2	7.5	6.2	6.8	7.3
≥3	4.6	3.5	4.2	3.7	4.1	4.3	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.5	4.5	3.9	4.2	3.9	3.1	3.6	2.5	3.4	3.5	3.1	3.0	3.9

<sup>a</sup>Percentages are based on the number of known values.

**Table 4. Number, Ratio<sup>1</sup>, and Rate<sup>2</sup> of Legal Induced Abortions by Characteristics of Women, Oklahoma Residents, 2020-2022**

Characteristic	Number			Live births			Ratio <sup>1</sup>			Rate <sup>2</sup>		
	2020	2021	2022	2020	2021 <sup>6</sup>	2022 <sup>6</sup>	2020	2021 <sup>6</sup>	2022 <sup>6</sup>	2020	2021 <sup>6</sup>	2022 <sup>6</sup>
<b>Total</b>	4,177	4,145	898	50,214	49,801	49,801	83.2	83.2	18.0	5.3	5.3	1.1
<b>Race</b>												
White	2,081	2,086	456	34,676	35,470	35,470	60.0	58.8	12.9	3.6	3.8	0.8
Black	890	901	229	5,357	5,295	5,295	166.1	170.2	43.2	11.4	13.3	3.4
American Indian	247	385	63	5,763	5,925	5,925	42.9	65.0	10.6	2.6	4.7	0.8
Asian	155	142	33	1,819	1,720	1,720	85.2	82.6	19.2	5.4	5.3	1.2
<b>Age (yrs.)</b>												
<20	425	432	103	3,253	3,233	3,233	130.6	133.6	31.9	3.3	3.3	0.8
20-24	1,314	1,429	309	12,266	12,287	12,287	107.1	116.3	25.1	9.9	10.7	2.3
25-29	1,179	1,116	226	14,779	14,993	14,993	79.8	74.4	15.1	8.7	8.6	1.7
30-34	771	650	165	11,386	11,719	11,719	67.7	55.5	14.1	5.8	4.8	1.2
≥35	484	516	94	5,929	6,175	6,175	81.6	83.6	15.2	1.9	2.0	0.4
<b>Education<sup>3</sup></b>												
<HS	458	410	63	7,066	6,746	6,746	64.8	60.8	9.3	6.3	2.4	0.4
HS or GED	1,687	1,919	430	14,734	15,129	15,129	114.5	126.8	28.4	9.3	4.4	1.0
Some college	1,593	1,358	288	14,470	14,641	14,641	110.1	92.8	19.7	6.0	3.1	0.7
College graduate	418	439	116	11,235	11,786	11,786	37.2	37.2	9.8	3.9	0.9	0.2
<b>Marital Status</b>												
Married <sup>4</sup>	743	753	140	26,461	26,963	26,963	28.1	27.9	5.2	2.7	2.2	0.4
Unmarried <sup>5</sup>	3,430	3,383	758	21,145	21,437	21,437	162.2	157.8	35.4	8.0	7.8	1.8

<sup>1</sup>Number of abortions per 1,000 live births

<sup>2</sup>Number of abortions per 1,000 female population aged 15-44

<sup>3</sup>Number of abortions per 1,000 female population aged 18-44 years

<sup>4</sup>Married includes spouse absent

<sup>5</sup>Unmarried includes never married, divorced and widowed

<sup>6</sup>Preliminary 2021 & 2022 data for Oklahoma resident birth counts as of 5/09/2022. Population data for 2022 uses 2021 estimates. These will be updated in the next annual report. Population data used to calculate rates are available upon request. Population data is sourced from the American Community Survey (ACS) for Education and Marital Status; ASC released 5 year estimates for 2020, all prior years are based on 1 year estimates; Census Population Estimates for Age and Education for 2020 recalculated in 2022 using the revised Census 2020 estimates.



**Table 5. Number and Percent † of Legal Induced Abortions by Age Group and Selected Characteristics, Oklahoma Residents, 2020-2022**

Characteristic	Age group (yrs.)				
	<20	20-24	25-29	30-34	≥35
<b>Race</b>					
White	482 (53.8)	1,542 (54.0)	1,234 (51.8)	795 (52.7)	566 (55.1)
Black	180 (20.1)	625 (21.9)	631 (26.5)	364 (24.1)	218 (21.2)
American Indian	51 (5.7)	169 (5.9)	147 (6.2)	89 (5.9)	48 (4.7)
Asian	21 (2.3)	72 (2.5)	76 (3.2)	76 (5.0)	81 (7.9)
Other	162 (18.1)	446 (15.6)	296 (12.4)	184 (12.2)	115 (11.2)
<b>Education</b>					
<HS	295 (30.9)	244 (8.0)	180 (7.2)	129 (8.2)	82 (7.6)
HS or GED	472 (49.4)	1,571 (51.6)	1,068 (42.5)	590 (37.4)	330 (30.4)
Some college	179 (18.7)	1,028 (33.8)	976 (38.9)	621 (39.4)	434 (40.0)
College graduate	9 (0.9)	201 (6.6)	287 (11.4)	236 (15.0)	240 (22.1)
<b>Marital status</b>					
Married	29 (3.0)	296 (9.7)	503 (20.0)	431 (27.2)	377 (34.6)
Unmarried	931 (97.0)	2,753 (90.3)	2,014 (80.0)	1,153 (72.8)	713 (65.4)
<b>Previous live births</b>					
0	763 (86.0)	1,461 (56.5)	624 (30.5)	247 (20.0)	116 (14.1)
1	102 (11.5)	638 (24.7)	525 (25.6)	250 (20.2)	157 (19.1)
2	16 (1.8)	340 (13.2)	499 (24.4)	337 (27.3)	221 (26.9)
3	4 (0.5)	117 (4.5)	255 (12.5)	245 (19.8)	152 (18.5)
≥4	2 (0.2)	29 (1.1)	145 (7.1)	157 (12.7)	175 (21.3)
<b>Previous ITOPs</b>					
0	830 (93.6)	2,075 (80.3)	1,389 (67.8)	742 (60.1)	470 (57.3)
1	51 (5.8)	395 (15.3)	441 (21.5)	289 (23.4)	221 (26.9)
2	4 (0.5)	89 (3.5)	144 (7.0)	141 (11.4)	83 (10.1)
≥3	2 (0.2)	24 (0.9)	74 (3.6)	63 (5.1)	47 (5.7)
<b>Type of Procedure</b>					
Suction Aspiration	153 (16.6)	474 (16.0)	439 (18.0)	285 (18.6)	188 (17.7)
RU-486	632 (68.6)	2,193 (73.8)	1,754 (71.7)	1,073 (70.2)	750 (70.8)
Dilation and Curettage	81 (8.8)	178 (6.0)	154 (6.3)	108 (7.1)	85 (8.0)
Dilation and Evacuation	53 (5.8)	125 (4.2)	96 (3.9)	62 (4.1)	37 (3.5)

† Percentages are based on the number of known values.

**Table 6. Number and Percent <sup>†</sup> of Legal Induced Abortions by Race and Selected Characteristics, Oklahoma Residents, 2020-2022**

Characteristic	Race				
	White	Black	Am. Indian	Asian	Other
<b>Age (yrs.)</b>					
<20	482 (10.4)	180 (8.9)	51 (10.1)	21 (6.4)	162 (13.5)
20-24	1,542 (33.4)	625 (31.0)	169 (33.5)	72 (22.1)	446 (37.1)
25-29	1,234 (26.7)	631 (31.3)	147 (29.2)	76 (23.3)	296 (24.6)
30-34	795 (17.2)	364 (18.0)	89 (17.7)	76 (23.3)	184 (15.3)
≥35	566 (12.3)	218 (10.8)	48 (9.5)	81 (24.9)	115 (9.6)
<b>Education</b>					
Less than HS	428 (9.3)	141 (7.0)	64 (12.8)	32 (9.9)	197 (16.5)
HS or GED	1,938 (42.1)	914 (45.3)	254 (50.6)	95 (29.3)	558 (46.7)
Some college	1,717 (37.3)	742 (36.8)	161 (32.1)	112 (34.6)	345 (28.9)
College graduate	521 (11.3)	219 (10.9)	23 (4.6)	85 (26.2)	94 (7.9)
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Married	877 (19.0)	220 (10.9)	82 (16.3)	146 (45.1)	226 (18.8)
Unmarried	3,738 (81.0)	1,799 (89.1)	422 (83.7)	178 (54.9)	975 (81.2)
<b>Previous Live Births</b>					
0	1,811 (46.8)	518 (33.0)	163 (32.3)	123 (46.2)	447 (37.2)
1	837 (21.6)	381 (24.3)	134 (26.6)	34 (12.8)	277 (23.0)
2	672 (17.4)	340 (21.6)	107 (21.2)	64 (24.1)	229 (19.0)
3	348 (9.0)	197 (12.5)	51 (10.1)	24 (9.0)	152 (12.6)
≥4	201 (5.2)	135 (8.6)	49 (9.7)	21 (7.9)	98 (8.2)
<b>Previous ITOPS</b>					
0	2,928 (75.7)	1,019 (64.9)	359 (71.4)	193 (72.8)	854 (71.1)
1	658 (17.0)	341 (21.7)	101 (20.1)	48 (18.1)	241 (20.1)
2	199 (5.1)	140 (8.9)	32 (6.4)	15 (5.6)	74 (6.2)
≥3	84 (2.2)	71 (4.5)	11 (2.2)	9 (3.4)	33 (2.8)
<b>Type of Procedure</b>					
Suction Aspiration	725 (16.3)	438 (22.4)	32 (6.5)	52 (16.5)	221 (18.7)
RU-486	3,290 (73.7)	1,281 (65.5)	384 (78.1)	235 (74.6)	838 (70.9)
Dilation and Curettage	288 (6.5)	144 (7.4)	45 (9.2)	17 (5.4)	68 (5.7)
Dilation and Evacuation	155 (3.5)	93 (4.8)	31 (6.3)	11 (3.5)	55 (4.7)

<sup>†</sup> Percentages are based on the number of known values.

**Table 7. Number and Percent † of Legal Induced Abortions by Gestational Age and Selected Characteristics, Oklahoma Residents, 2020-2022**

Characteristic	Gestational age (wks.)				
	≤ 8 wks.	9-10 wks.	11-12 wks.	13-15 wks.	≥ 16 wks.
<b>Race</b>					
White	3,342 (53.7)	671 (53.6)	293 (55.4)	208 (48.7)	89 (43.0)
Black	1,381 (22.2)	319 (25.5)	133 (25.1)	118 (27.6)	62 (30.0)
American Indian	367 (5.9)	56 (4.5)	30 (5.7)	31 (7.3)	18 (8.7)
Asian	252 (4.1)	39 (3.1)	12 (2.3)	16 (3.8)	6 (2.9)
Other	883 (14.2)	168 (13.4)	61 (11.5)	54 (12.7)	32 (15.5)
<b>Age (yrs.)</b>					
<20	610 (9.3)	173 (12.7)	72 (12.8)	68 (14.5)	32 (14.7)
20-24	2,150 (32.7)	467 (34.4)	201 (35.8)	152 (32.4)	69 (31.7)
25-29	1,828 (27.8)	375 (27.6)	130 (23.1)	126 (26.9)	52 (23.9)
30-34	1,170 (17.8)	200 (14.7)	97 (17.3)	66 (14.1)	46 (21.1)
≥35	809 (12.3)	143 (10.5)	62 (11.0)	57 (12.2)	19 (8.7)
<b>Education</b>					
<HS	595 (9.1)	165 (12.2)	57 (10.2)	80 (17.0)	29 (13.4)
HS or GED	2,819 (43.1)	604 (44.6)	281 (50.4)	224 (47.7)	93 (43.1)
Some college	2,355 (36.0)	473 (35.0)	184 (33.0)	146 (31.1)	69 (31.9)
College graduate	775 (11.8)	111 (8.2)	36 (6.5)	20 (4.3)	25 (11.6)
<b>Marital Status</b>					
Married	1,232 (18.8)	212 (15.6)	93 (16.6)	59 (12.6)	29 (13.3)
Unmarried	5,330 (81.2)	1,145 (84.4)	468 (83.4)	411 (87.5)	189 (86.7)
<b>Previous Live Births</b>					
0	2,340 (42.2)	478 (46.0)	166 (39.0)	143 (40.4)	73 (40.6)
1	1,229 (22.2)	203 (19.5)	110 (25.8)	76 (21.5)	45 (25.0)
2	1,060 (19.1)	170 (16.4)	78 (18.3)	67 (18.9)	30 (16.7)
3	568 (10.2)	105 (10.1)	40 (9.4)	39 (11.0)	19 (10.6)
≥4	350 (6.3)	83 (8.0)	32 (7.5)	29 (8.2)	13 (7.2)
<b>Previous ITOPs</b>					
0	3,987 (71.9)	791 (76.1)	305 (71.6)	266 (75.1)	136
1	1,058 (19.1)	165 (15.9)	82 (19.3)	57 (16.1)	28
2	339 (6.1)	55 (5.3)	32 (7.5)	22 (6.2)	12
≥3	161 (2.9)	28 (2.7)	7 (1.6)	9 (2.5)	**
<b>Type of Procedure</b>					
Suction Aspiration	842 (13.2)	287	300 (54.0)	94 (20.0)	14
RU-486	5,367 (84.3)	905	85 (15.3)	15 (3.2)	**
Dilation and Curettage	137 (2.2)	92	158 (28.4)	164 (35.0)	52
Dilation and Evacuation	16 (0.3)	**	13 (2.3)	196 (41.8)	145

† Percentages are based on the number of known values.

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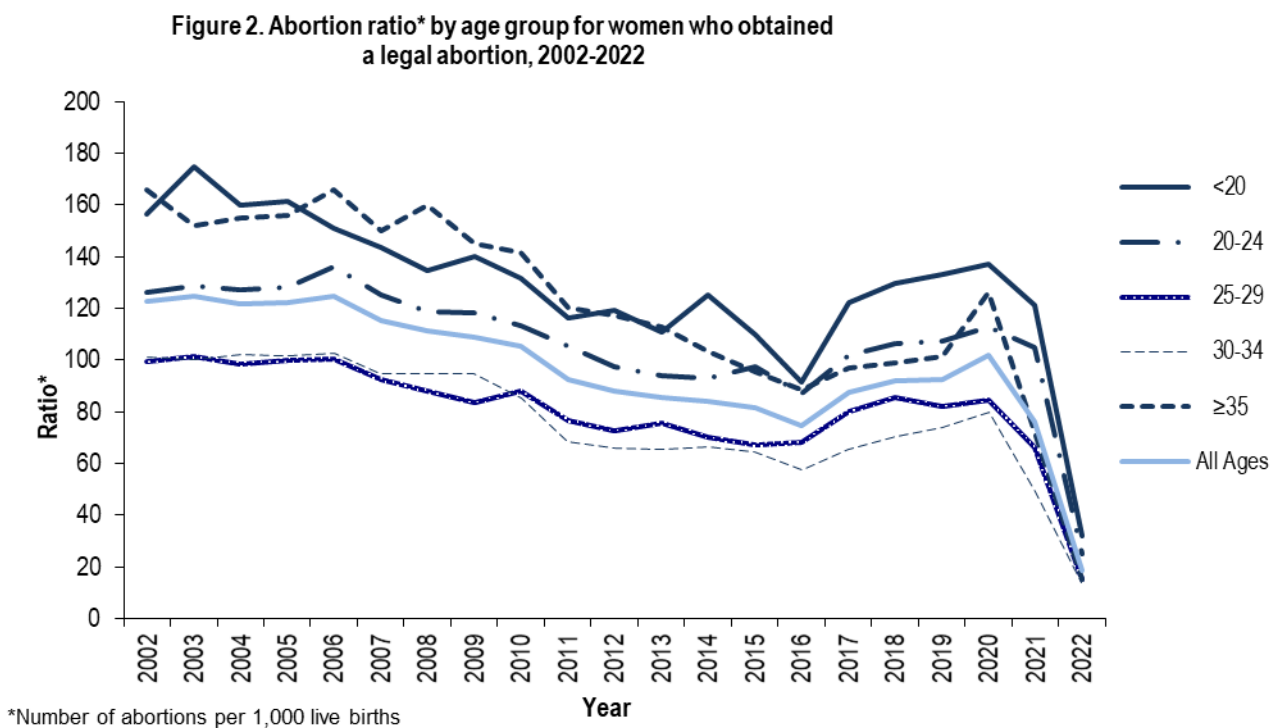
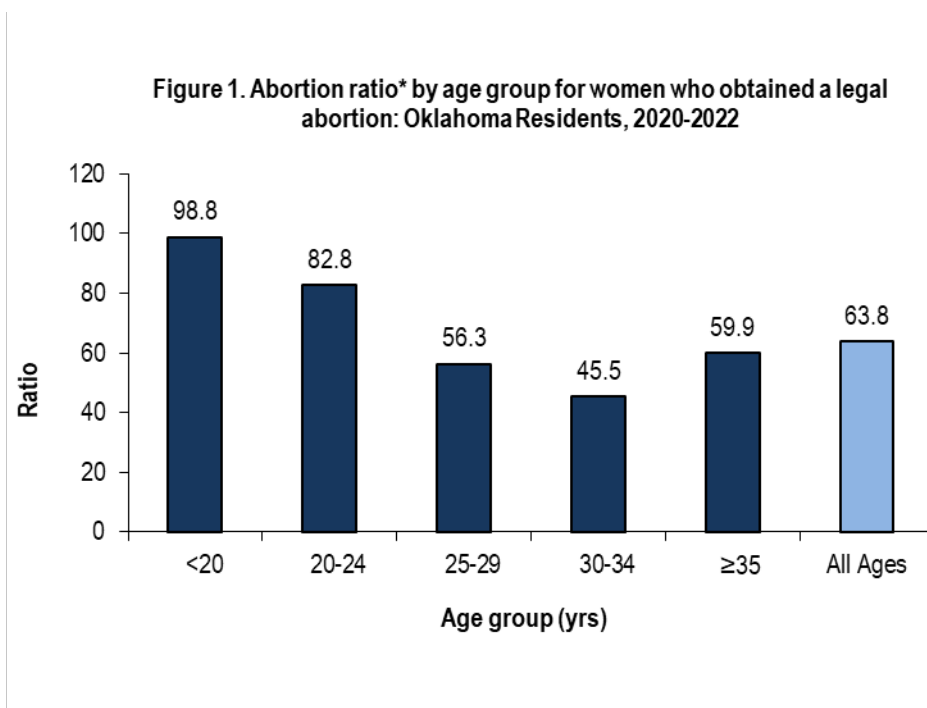


Figure 3. Percentage of abortions by timing and age group of women, Oklahoma residents, 2020-2022

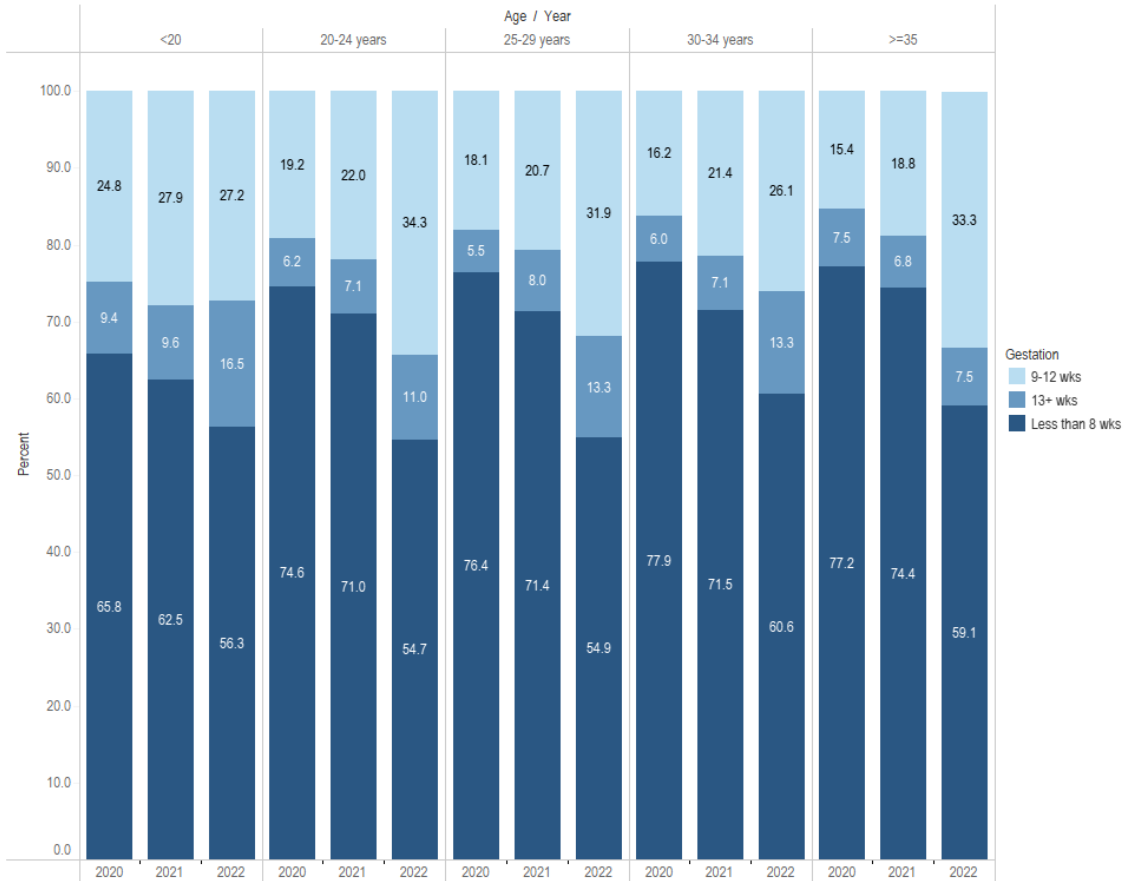
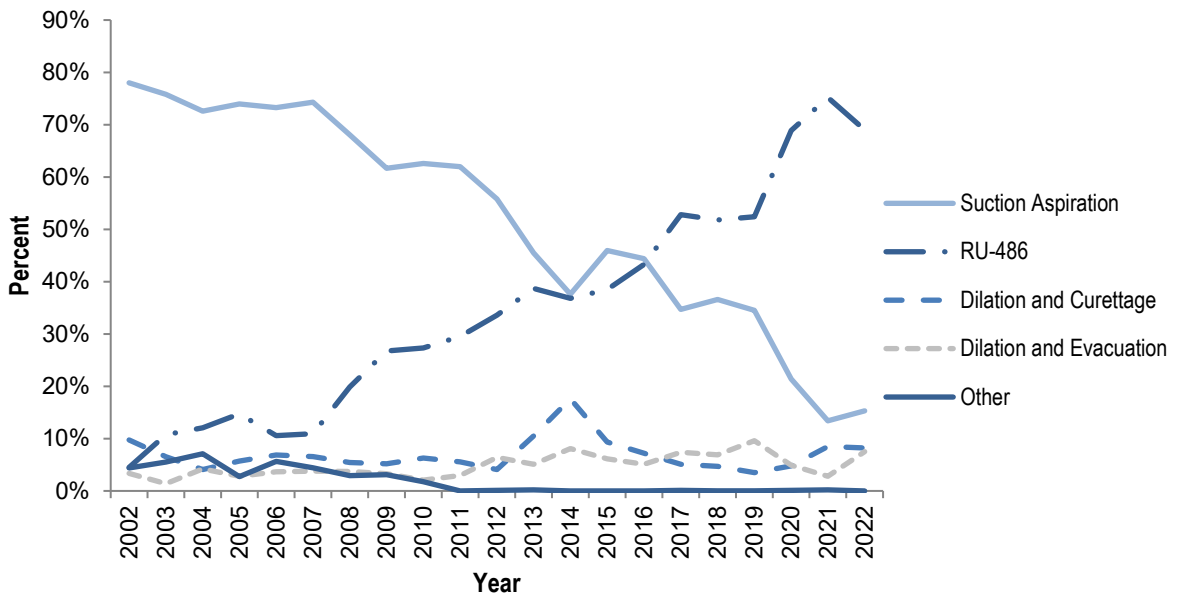


Figure 4. Percentage of abortions by method, Oklahoma Residents, 2002-2022



## 2010 Statistical Abortion Reporting Act Requirements Section

This section of the Annual Abortion Report outlines legal induced abortion data collected in accordance with the 2010 Statistical Abortion Reporting Act (the Act) (HB 3284, c. 276, 1. Eff. November, 1 2010). According to the Act, beginning in June 1, 2013, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) is required to publish on its website an Annual Abortion Report that includes both new annual data and statistics for all previous calendar years for which abortion-reporting requirements have been in effect.

**No new data (Individual Abortion Form, Complications of Induced Abortion Report, or related consent / judicial authorization or waiver) have been reported since 2022 for the requirements listed below.**

**Requirement 1: The number of induced abortions performed in the previous calendar year broken down by month and county\* in which the abortion was performed.**

**Requirement 2: The number of abortions classified by: a) the state or foreign country of residence of the mother; b) the age, marital status, and race of the mother, and c) the number of years of education of the mother.**

**Requirement 3: The number of abortions classified by: a) the number of previous pregnancies of the mother; b) previous live births to the mother, and c) previous miscarriages, and d) previous induced abortions.**

**Requirement 4: The number of abortions by week of gestational age.**

**Requirement 5: The number of abortions performed by each reported method.**

**Requirement 6: The number of abortions resulting in an infant born alive; of these, the number of cases in which life sustaining measures were taken; and a statistical summary of the length of survival of such infants.**

**Requirement 7: The number of cases in which anesthesia was administered to the mother and the number of each type of anesthesia.**

**Requirement 8: The number of cases in which anesthesia was administered to the unborn child, and the number of each type of anesthesia and of each method of administration.**

**Requirement 9: The number of each reported method of fetal disposal.**

**Requirement 10: The reasons reported for the abortions, and the number of times each reason was cited.**

**Requirement 11: The number of abortions paid for by: a) Private Insurance; b) Public health plan; c) Medicaid; d) Private pay; or e) other.**

**Requirement 12: The number of abortions in which medical health insurance coverage was under: a) a fee-for-service insurance company; b) a managed care company, or c) other.**

**Requirement 13: A statistical summary of the fees collected.**

**Requirement 14: Specialty area of medicine of the physician.**

**Requirement 15:** *The number of abortions in which ultrasound equipment was used before, during, or after the abortion, and the number of times vaginal ultrasound, abdominal ultrasound, or both were used in each of the three circumstances.*

**Requirement 16:** *The number of abortions before which an ultrasound was performed by: a) the physician performing the abortion, b) a physician other than the physician performing the abortion, or c) other.*

**Requirement 17:** *The number of abortions resulting in reported complications, and of those, how many were reported by the physician who performed the abortion, and how many were reported by another physician, the types of reported complications, and the number of each type based on data which shall be compiled and transmitted to the State Department of Health by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.*

**Requirement 18:** *The number of abortions resulting in the reported death of the mother.*

**Requirement 19:** *The number of females to whom the physician provided the information in subparagraph a of paragraph 1 of subsection B of Section 1-738.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; of that number, the number provided by telephone and the number provided in person; and of each of those numbers, the number provided in the capacity of a referring physician and the number provided in the capacity of a physician who is to perform the abortion.*

**Requirement 20:** *The number of females to whom physicians or agents of physicians provided the information in paragraph 2 of subsection B of Section 1-738.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; of that number, the number provided by telephone and the number provided in person; of each of those numbers, the number provided in the capacity of a referring physician and the number provided in the capacity of a physician who is to perform the abortion; and of each of those numbers, the number provided by the physician and the number provided by an agent of the physician.*

**Requirement 21:** *The number of females who availed themselves of the opportunity to have a copy of the printed information described in Section 1-738.3 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes mailed to them; and of that number, the number who, based on the submitted reports, did and did not obtain an abortion.*

**Requirement 22:** *The number of abortions performed by the physician in which information otherwise required to be provided at least twenty-four (24) hours before the abortion was not so provided because an immediate abortion was necessary to avert the death of the female, and the number of abortions in which such information was not so provided because a delay would create serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.*

**Requirement 23:** *The number of females to whom physicians or their agents provided the information described in subsection A of Section 1-738.8 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; of that number: a) the number provided by telephone and the number provided in person; and of each of those numbers, the number provided in the capacity of a referring physician and the number provided in the capacity of a physician who is to perform the abortion, or by the agent of such physician, and b) the number of females who availed themselves of the opportunity to be given or mailed the materials described in Section 1-738.10 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,*

*and the number who did not; and of each of those numbers, the number who, to the best of the information and belief of the reporting physician, went on to obtain the abortion.*

**Requirement 24:** *The number of females to whom the information described in subsection A of Section 1-738.8 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes would have had to be provided but for a medical emergency determination; of that number, the number for whom an immediate abortion was necessary to avert the death of the female, and the number for whom a delay would have created serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function.*

**Requirement 25:** *The number of abortions performed within the scope of employment of Oklahoma state employees and employees of an agency or political subdivision of the state, the number of abortions performed with the use of public institutions, facilities, equipment, or other physical assets owned, leased, or controlled by this state, its agencies, or political subdivisions, and for each category: a. the number of abortions reported as necessary to save the life of the mother, the life-endangering conditions identified, and the number of each such condition reported, b. the number of abortions reported from pregnancies resulting from forcible rape, the number of such rapes reported to law enforcement authorities, general categories of law enforcement authorities to whom reports were made and the number made to each category, and a statistical summary of the length of time between the dates of reporting to law enforcement authorities and the dates of the abortions, and c. the number of abortions reported from pregnancies resulting from incest committed against a minor, the number of perpetrators of incest in such cases reported to law enforcement authorities, general categories of law enforcement authorities to whom reports were made and the number made to each category, and a statistical summary of the length of time between the dates of reporting to law enforcement authorities and the dates of the abortions.*

**Requirement 26:** *The number of females to a parent of whom the physician provided notice as required by Section 1-740.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; of that number, the number provided personally as described in that section, and the number provided by mail as described in that section, and of each of those numbers, the number of females who, to the best of the information and belief of the reporting physician, went on to obtain the abortion.*

**Requirement 27:** *The number of females upon whom the physician performed an abortion without the notice to or consent of the parent of the minor required by Section 1-740.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes; of that number, the number who were emancipated minors and the number who suffered from a medical emergency, and of the latter, the number of cases in which a parent was notified subsequently and the number of cases in which a judicial waiver was obtained. In the case of medical emergencies in which a parent was informed subsequently, a statistical summary of the period of time elapsed before notification.*

**Requirements 28, 29 & 30:** *The number of abortions performed after receiving judicial authorization to do so without parental notice and consent (28); The number of abortions performed on minors after judicial authorizations were granted because of a finding that the minor girl was mature and capable of giving informed consent (29); and; The number of abortions performed on minors after judicial authorizations were granted because of a finding that the performance of the abortion without parental notification and consent was in the best interest of the minor (30).*



**Requirement 31-34:** *The number of abortions performed after which the remains of the fetus after the abortion were examined to ensure that all such remains were evacuated from the mother's body (31); The number of male children aborted and female children aborted, as determined from the examination of fetal remains after abortion (32); The number of male children aborted and female children aborted, as determined by any method other than those reported in paragraph 32 of this subsection (33); The number of instances in which the mother was informed prior to the abortion that the child to be aborted was a female (34).*

**Requirement 35 & 36:** *The number of abortions performed without surgery but rather as the result of the administration of chemicals (35); The number of abortions performed as reported in paragraph 35 of this subsection, in which the physician was present in the same room as the woman to whom the chemicals were administered at the time any such chemicals were first administered (36).*

**Requirement 37:** *The number of abortions performed for each hospital at which the abortionist had hospital privileges at the time of the abortion.*

**Requirements 38-43:** *The number of abortions performed at which ultrasound equipment was used before the abortion (38); The number of abortions reported in paragraph 38 of this subsection, during which the mother was under the effect of anesthesia at the time of the ultrasound (39); The number of abortions performed at which ultrasound equipment was used during the abortion (40); The number of abortions reported in paragraph 40 of this subsection, during which the mother was under the effect of anesthesia at the time of the ultrasound (41); The number of abortions performed at which ultrasound equipment was used after the abortion (42); The number of abortions reported in paragraph 42 of this subsection, during which the mother was under the effect of anesthesia at the time of the ultrasound (43).*

**Requirement 44:** *The mean gestational age of the fetus at the time of the abortion, as determined by ultrasounds reported.*

**Requirement 45:** *The number of abortions for which no determination of probable postfertilization age was made as required by Section 1-745.5 of this title.*

**Requirement 46:** *The number of abortions in which the pregnant woman was told that it may be possible to make the embryonic or fetal heartbeat of the unborn child audible for the pregnant woman to hear; the number of abortions in which the pregnant woman was asked if she would like to hear the heartbeat; and the number of abortions in which the embryonic or fetal heartbeat of the unborn child was made audible for the pregnant woman to hear, using a Doppler fetal heart rate monitor.*

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